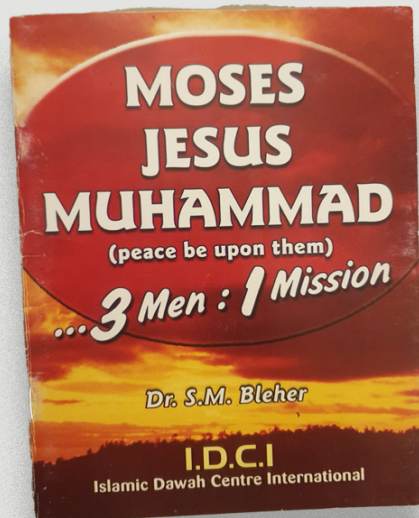


ARE THEY LYING TO US ABOUT:



RELIGION?



OF COURSE THEY ARE

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TOPIC5: RELIGION?

Isr\ael is a prophet - who ruined his name?

Learning Objectives

By the end of this lesson, you should be able to:

- Recognize the shared mission of justice across prophetic traditions
- Identify how colonialism weaponized religion by replacing ethics with identity
- Understand how institutions transformed living guidance into performance
- Reclaim faith as ethical action rather than obedience or brand loyalty

Key Q

What did Moses, Jesus, and Muhammad share before empire turned prophets into trademarks?

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Religion is a range of [social-cultural systems](#), including designated [behaviors](#) and practices, [ethics](#), [morals](#), [beliefs](#), [worldviews](#), [texts](#), [sanctified places](#), [prophecies](#), or [organizations](#), that generally relate humanity to [supernatural](#), [transcendental](#), and [spiritual](#) elements^[1]—although there is no scholarly consensus over what precisely constitutes a religion.^{[2][3]} It is an [essentially contested concept](#).^[4] Different religions may or may not contain various elements ranging from the [divine](#),^[5] [sacredness](#),^[6] [faith](#),^[7] and a supernatural being or beings.^[8]



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Main Ideas

= Faith was never meant to be packaged into flags =
Moses, Jesus, Muhammad
three men - one mission

To remind humanity that power belongs to no ruler, no empire, no class. Only to God, and to the moral duty between people. Their voices were political, their ethics radical, their turn toward the divine inseparable from opposition to unjust orders.

Yet what began as a call for justice became a franchise of control. Colonial projects split one lineage into rival brands to keep believers distracted from liberation.

Colonialism weaponized belief by replacing ethics with identity. The question shifted from what you do to who you are. Belonging mattered more than behavior. Obedience without reflection became the new cult - rituals replacing understanding. Both state and market prefer citizens without conviction because believers who question authority are harder to control.

Suggested task

Prophet as Revolutionar: Choose one story from Moses, Jesus, or Muhammad. Rewrite it as a modern act of resistance.

What would their confrontation with Pharaoh/Caesar/Quraysh look like today? Who holds that power now? How would the prophet respond?

Religion became seen as outdated or dangerous precisely because genuine faith threatens control. What remains sacred is remembering prophets as revolutionaries, not administrators. Their stories are blueprints for social repair, not excuses for violence.

The alternative to blind faith or total disbelief is ethical faith — belief that doesn't demand hierarchy but invites accountability. To believe is not to obey; it's to act rightly when no one watches. We reclaim religion from power by translating it back into practice: feed, forgive, build, question. Turning prayer into public design.

Q & A



Are they lying to us about religion?

Yes. What began as a call for justice became a franchise of control. Faith was once liberation — now it's a management system.



What did Moses, Jesus, and Muhammad actually share?

One mission: to remind humanity that power belongs to no ruler, no empire, and no class- only to God, and to the moral duty between people.



So why do we treat their messages as competing brands?

Because colonial and nationalist projects found profit in division. Splitting one lineage into rival doctrines keeps believers distracted from their shared cause: liberation.



How did colonialism weaponize belief?

By replacing ethics with identity — convincing followers that belonging mattered more than behavior. The question became who you are, not what you do.



Didn't prophets call for unity?

Yes, but not the shallow unity of flags and alliances. Their unity was moral — grounded in justice, compassion, and truth-telling against kings.





Why is religion now seen as outdated or dangerous?

Because both the state and the market prefer citizens without conviction. A believer who questions authority is harder to sell to.



What is the culx of religion today?

Obedience without reflection. The belief that repeating rituals replaces understanding. Institutions turned living into performance.



What remains sacred, then?

The act of remembering the prophets as revolutionaries, not administrators. Their stories are blueprints for social repair — not excuses for violence.



What's the alternative to blind faith or total disbelief?

Ethical faith. A belief that doesn't demand hierarchy but invites accountability. To believe is not to obey — it's to act rightly when no one watches.



How can we reclaim religion from power?

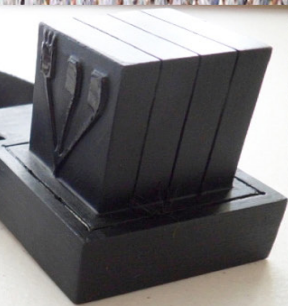
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Faith



in Motion



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Ibrahim house

Thinking Interlude

➤ Faith vs. Spirituality: Track your own or others' religious/spiritual practices for one week. Look for what they have in common. For example, compare the physical movements of Islamic prayer and yoga — is there similarities?

➤ *The First Testament* was commandments and traditions — Hebrew/Aramaic — spoken through Moses.

The Second Testament was stories and narratives — Koine Greek — spoken through prophets, Jesus, and the apostles.

The Third Testament was God (Allah) speaking directly — Classical Arabic — revealed through Prophet Muhammad.

If there were a Fourth Testament, what language would it be?



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Exercises Time

1 Fill in the blanks from the words in the box:

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1) What began as a call for, became a franchise of

2) Moses, Jesus, Muhammad: men, mission.

2 Are the sentences True or False:

True False

1) Moses, Jesus, and Muhammad shared the same mission: justice, not empire.

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2) The prophets' stories are blueprints for social repair, not excuses for violence.

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3) To believe is to obey.

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4) Prayer can be translated into public design.

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3 Match for each prophet:

Holy Book The Torah (التوراة - At-Tawrah) . The Bible (الإنجيل - Al-Injil) . The Quran (القرآن - Al-Quran) .	• • • • Moses
Primary Miracle Type Physical Liberation . Healing & Compassion . Divine Revelation .	• • • • Jesus
Core Message Freedom from slavery . Love & justice for the oppressed . Guidance & social reform .	• • • • Muhammad
Political Context Against Pharaoh/Empire . Against Roman occupation & corrupt religious elite . Against tribal oligarchy & idol worship .	• • • • Muhammad

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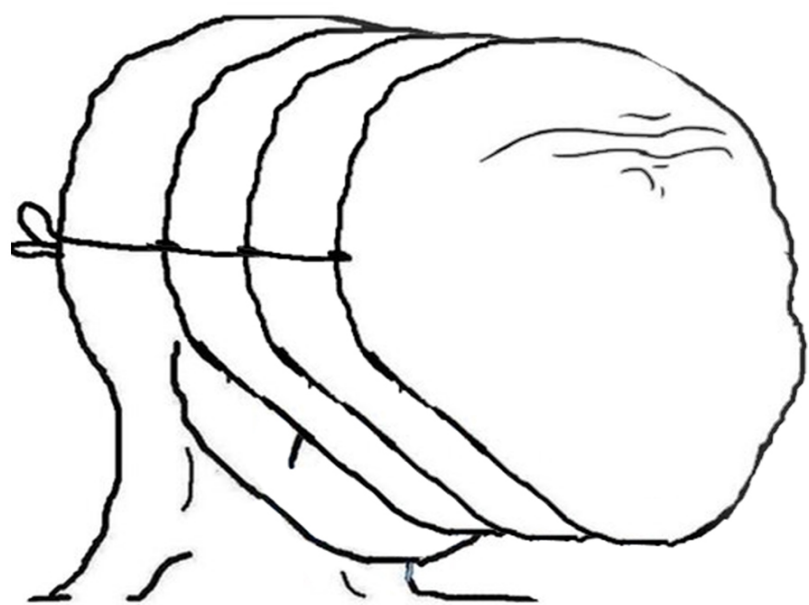
Imagine if Moses, Jesus, and Muhammad sat together today:

1. What would they agree on?
2. What would they say about how their names are used?
3. Write their conversation about: Borders - Capitalism - Climate collapse
- Institutional religion

Summary / Self-Assessment

Moses, Jesus, Muhammad shared one mission: justice, not empire. Colonialism split their lineage into competing brands, replacing ethics with identity, action with ritual. Faith became management instead of liberation. What remains sacred is remembering prophets as revolutionaries — their stories as blueprints for repair. Ethical faith invites accountability, not obedience.

Reclaim religion through practice: feed, forgive, build, question. Turn prayer into public design. Turn worship into repair.



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